New physics searches

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Reading material and references

Lecture material based on several textbooks and online lectures/notes. Credits for material and figures include:

Literature

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Kooijman, P. & Tuning, N., CP Violation, https://www.nikhef.nl/ h71/Lectures/2015/ppII-cpviolation-29012015.pdf So far, we:

Covered a wide range of material including: the CKM matrix; Kaon and B-meson mixing; 3 types of CP violation; how to measure the 3 angles of the unitarity triangle; and quarkonium studies.

We've focused heavily on experimental challenges and techniques, including: tracking; Dalitz; decays with undetectable particles (neutrinos); multi-dimensional fits; background-subtracted fits; and more.

Today, we'll:

Focus on rare decays and new physics searches at B meson factories. We'll see how these are complementary to searches at the LHC.

Time permitting, we'll close with a general review of mixing, where we'll briefly discuss the B_s and D meson systems. We'll also look into the D decays where mixing was first discovered.

Loose definition:

Every B decay that doesn't proceed by the dominant $b \to c$ transition.



Why rare decays?

Lessons from history:

Experimental observations:

 \hookrightarrow observed $K^+ \to \mu^+ \nu_\mu$ but not $K^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-$

GIM (Glashow, Iliopoulos, Maiani) mechanism (1970) → no tree level Flavor Changing Neutral Currents → suppession of FCNC via loops →Requires that quarks come in pairs (doublets) →**Predicts existence of charm quark**

Discovery of $J/\psi(c\overline{c})$ state (1974)



Quest for New Physics

Energy frontier

↔ Direct observation of particles and processes using highest achievable energies

Intensity frontier

 \hookrightarrow Indirect observation of NP effects on (rare) known processes



Energy frontier



vs. Intensity frontier

Illustrative reach of NP searches with $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$ higher luminosity BelleII TDR [arXiv:1011.0352]

High energy frontier (LHC) – direct searches of NP up to $\mathcal{O}(1~{\rm TeV})$

Intensity frontier (SuperKEKB)

- \Rightarrow Up to $\mathcal{O}(1 \text{ TeV})$ if Minimal Flavor Violation assumed.
- \Rightarrow Up to $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ TeV})$ if Flavor Violation coupling enhanced.

New physics searches in rare B decays

Search for effect of unknown particles on processes very rare within the SM

- We covered $\tau\nu$ and $D^*\tau\nu$ in our lecture on decays with neutrinos in the final state.

- Today we'll look at additional channels (including some radiative $[\gamma]$ decays) for NP effects.



New physics searches

Possible observables:

Decay rates Direct CP violation Time-dependent CP violation

Asymmetries in angular distributions

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Observables and experiments

Belle II



- Clean experimental environment.
- Holistic interpretation of events with missing energy (ν).
- Decays with multiple photons.
- Inclusive decays $(B \to X_{s,d}\gamma)$.
- Long-lived particles $(K_S \text{ and } K_L)$.

LHCb



- Large cross section.
- Decays to all charged particle final states.
- Fast mixing.

Observables	Expected th. ac-	Expected exp. un-	un- Facility (2025)	
	curacy	certainty		
UT angles & sides				
Ø1 [°]	***	0.4	Belle II	
\$2 M	**	1.0	Belle II	
¢3 [°]	***	1.0	Belle II/LHCb	
$S(B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi)$	***	0.01	LHCb	
V _{cb} incl.	***	1%	Belle II	
V _{cb} excl.	***	1.5%	Belle II	
V _{wb} incl.	**	3%	Belle II	
$ V_{wh} $ excl.	**	2%	Belle II/LHCb	
CPV				
$S(B \rightarrow \phi K^0)$	***	0.02	Belle II	
$S(B \rightarrow \eta' K^0)$	***	0.01	Belle II	
$\beta_{eff}^{eff}(B_{+} \rightarrow \phi \phi)$ [rad]	**	0.1	LHCb	
$\beta^{\text{eff}}(B_* \rightarrow K^{*0}\bar{K}^{*0})$ [rad]	**	0.1	LHCb	
$A(B \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0)[10^{-2}]$	***	4	Belle II	
$A(B \rightarrow K^{+}\pi^{-})$ [10 ⁻²]	***	0.20	LHCb/Belle II	
(Semi-)leptonic		0.20		
$B(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$ [10 ⁻⁶]	**	3%	Belle II	
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu \nu)$ [10 ⁻⁶]	**	7%	Belle II	
$R(B \rightarrow D\tau\nu)$	***	3%	Belle II	
$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)$	***	2%	Belle II/LHCb	
Badiative & EW Penguins				
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow X_{-\gamma})$	**	4%	Belle II	
$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow X_{ed} \gamma) [10^{-2}]$	***	0.005	Belle II	
$S(B \rightarrow K_{\alpha}^{0} \pi^{0} \gamma)$	***	0.03	Belle II	
$2\beta^{\text{eff}}(B_* \rightarrow \phi \gamma)$	***	0.05	LHCb	
$S(B \rightarrow a\gamma)$	**	0.07	Belle II	
$\mathcal{B}(B_{*} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ [10 ⁻⁶]	**	0.3	Belle II	
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \overline{\nu}) [10^{-6}]$	***	15%	Belle II	
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K \nu \overline{\nu}) [10^{-6}]$	***	20%	Belle II	
$a^2 A_{PP}(B \rightarrow K^* uu)$	**	0.05	LHCb/Belle II	
$B(B \rightarrow \tau \tau)$ [10 ⁻³]	***	< 2	Belle II	
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \mu\mu)$	***	10%	LHCb/Belle II	
Charm		1070	integration in	
$\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \mu\nu)$	***	0.9%	Belle II	
$\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \tau \nu)$	***	2%	Belle II	
$\Lambda A_{}(D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-)$ [10 ⁻⁴]	**	0.1	LHCb	
$A_{cp}(D^0 \rightarrow K_0^0 \pi^0)$ [10 ⁻²]	**	0.03	Belle II	
$ a/n (D^0 \rightarrow K_0^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)$	***	0.03	Belle Ii	
$\phi(D^0 \rightarrow K_0^0 \pi^+ \pi^-)$ [°]	***	4	Belle II	
Tan				
$\tau \rightarrow u \gamma [10^{-9}]$	***	< 5	Belle II	
$\tau \rightarrow e^{\gamma} [10^{-9}]$	***	< 10	Belle II	
$\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu [10^{-9}]$	***	< 0.3	Belle II/LHCb	

Belle II Physics Book

Tensions with the SM in semileptonic B decays

Recall the different tag-side reconstructions





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New physics searches

$\overline{B} \to D^{(*)} \tau \overline{\nu}$

- Very clean prediction from theory.
- New Physics could change the ratios $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\overline{B} \to D^{(*)}\tau\nu)}{\mathcal{B}(\overline{B} \to D^{(*)}\ell\nu)}.$
- Effect could be different for D and D^* .
- World average 3.1σ away from SM.





BaBar: Hadronic tag, leptonic au LHCb: leptonic au hadronic au

Belle:

$\overline{B} \to D^{(*)} \tau \overline{\nu}$ with Belle II & LHCb

arXiv:1709.10308: J. Albrecht, F. U. Bernlochner, M. Kenzie, S. Reichert, D. M. Straub, A. Tully

Measurement	SM	Current World	Current	Projected Uncertainty ¹				
	prediction	Average	Uncertainty	Belle II		LHCb		
				$5ab^{-1}$	$50 \mathrm{ab}^{-1}$	$8 f b^{-1}$	$22 f b^{-1}$	$50 \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$
				2020	2024	2019	2024	2030
R(D)	(0.299 ± 0.003)	$(0.403 \pm 0.040 \pm 0.024)$	11.6%	5.6%	3.2%	-	-	-
$R(D^*)$	(0.257 ± 0.003)	$(0.310\pm 0.015\pm 0.008)$	5.5%	3.2%	2.2%	3.6%	2.1%	1.6%



¹Projected uncertainties not including improvements in detectors and algorithms

Improved algorithms @ Belle II



¹Belle Full Reconstruction algorithm.

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Deep NN based flavor tagger



Deep NN based $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ background suppression



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Electroweak penguin decays $b \rightarrow s \ l^+ l^-$

• Within the SM, decays proceed via one loop diagram:

JHEP0712:040,2007

 $\mathcal{R}_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \to K^+ e^+ e^-)} = 1.00030^{+0.00010}_{-0.00007}$

• In 2021, LHCb reported a 3.1 σ deviation for the dilepton invariant mass squared region $1.1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^4/c^2$: $\mathcal{R}_K = 0.846^{+0.042+0.013}_{-0.039-0.012}$ Nature Physics 18, (2022) 277-282

(This supercedes a tension reported in 2019 w/5fb^{-1})

• Electrons and muons have the same ε at Belle II: \Rightarrow Both low and high q^2 regions possible.







LHCb collaboration*

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$R(K^{(*)})$ anomaly vanishes in 12/2022





Still some hope: Full angular analysis of $B \to K^*ll$

2017 ATLAS & CMS results, and lepton-flavor-dependent angular analysis by Belle

Belle: PRL 118, 111801 (2017)

- Largest deviation of 2.6σ from the SM for the muon channel for $4 < q^2 < 8 \text{ GeV}^4/c^2$.
- Electron channel deviation of 1.1σ .
- Belle II and LHCb will be comparable for this process.
- Belle II will be able to perform an isospin comparison of K^{*+} and K^{*0} , or the ground states K.



0.248

14.18 - 19.00

0.033

Neutrino electroweak penguin decays \Rightarrow The ultimate test of Belle II

Neutrino EWP decays $b \to s \nu \overline{\nu}$: SM and NP

Electroweak-penguin (EWP) decays with 2 $\nu{\rm 's}$ in the final state.

Theoretically clean due to a maximum of one electromagnetically interacting charged particle in the final state, as opposed to $K^{(*)}l^+l^-$ decays.

Recall, FCNC are forbidden in the SM at tree level, but allowed at loop level.

 \Rightarrow Very sensitive to NP entering the loops. Several new physics models (SUSY, non-standard Z coupling) could enhance these decays. Can probe higher mass scales than direct searches.



Signal extraction

Extract the signal yield by fitting the Extra Energy in the Calorimeter:

Sum of energies of neutral clusters not associated with reconstructed particles

$$E_{ECL} = \sum E_{ ext{Calor.}} - (\sum E_{ ext{tag}} + \sum E_{ ext{sig}})$$



Extensive Toy MC studies performed to estimate sensitivity: 1K bkgd.-only samples generated and fit for yield estimate. Fit bias estimated from ensemble tests and corrected for in fit to data. (plot for $K^+\nu\overline{\nu}$)

Charm B decay & $q\overline{q}$ background for $K^+\nu\overline{\nu}$ in $E_{ECL} \in (0, 1.2)$ GeV.

Dominant $b \rightarrow c$ contribution from semileptonic B decays.

contribution in %	
22.6	
15.3	
6.5	
24.1	
1.7	
3.8	
24.1	
1.0	
0.0	
1.0	

Fit to data

Extended binned ML fit to E_{ECL} :



- Histogram templates to model signal and bkgds from charm *B* decay, charmless *B* decay, and continuum.
- Relative fractions of the background components fixed to MC expectations.
- Signal and overall background yield allowed to vary.

Channel	Observed N_{sig}	Significance
$K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$17.7 \pm 9.1 \pm 3.4$	1.9σ
$K_S^0 \nu \overline{\nu}$	$0.6 \pm 4.2 \pm 1.4$	0.0σ
$K^{*+}\nu\overline{\nu}$	$16.2 \pm 7.4 \pm 1.8$	2.3σ
$K^{*0}\nu\bar{\nu}$	$-2.0 \pm 3.6 \pm 1.8$	0.0σ
$\tau^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$5.6 \pm 15.1 \pm 5.9$	0.0 o
$\tau^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$0.2 \pm 5.6 \pm 1.6$	0.0σ
$v^+ v \bar{v}$	$6.2 \pm 12.3 \pm 2.4$	0.3σ
$p^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$11.9~\pm~~9.0~\pm~3.6$	1.2σ

Upper limits

	Channel	Efficiency	Expected Limit	Measured Limit
	$\overline{K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}}$	2.16×10^{-3}	$0.8 imes10^{-5}$	1.9×10^{-5}
• Expected (exp.) and	$K^0_S \nu \bar{\nu}$	$0.91 imes 10^{-3}$	$1.2 imes 10^{-5}$	$1.3 imes 10^{-5}$
observed upper limits	$K^{*+}\nu\bar{\nu}$	$0.57 imes10^{-3}$	2.4×10^{-5}	$6.1 imes 10^{-5}$
at the 90% confidence	$K^{*0}\nu\bar{\nu}$	$0.51 imes 10^{-3}$	$2.4 imes10^{-5}$	$1.8 imes10^{-5}$
level (including systematic	$\pi^+ u ar u$	$2.92 imes 10^{-3}$	$1.3 imes 10^{-5}$	1.4×10^{-5}
iever (including systematic	$\pi^0 u ar u$	1.42×10^{-3}	$1.0 imes 10^{-5}$	$0.9 imes 10^{-5}$
uncertainties)	$ ho^+ u ar u$	$1.11 imes 10^{-3}$	$2.5 imes 10^{-5}$	$3.0 imes 10^{-5}$
	$ ho^0 u \overline{ u}$	$0.82 imes 10^{-3}$	2.2×10^{-5}	4.0×10^{-5}

Combine charged and neutral modes:

• The systematic uncertainties are evaluated on independent MC and data control samples for charged and neutral modes.

 \Rightarrow Can be considered uncorrelated.

• Add the $-\mathcal{L}$ and scale the \mathcal{B} of the neutral modes by τ_B^+/τ_B^0 and repeat the calculation of the limit:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{B}(B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}) &< 1.6 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(B \to K^* \nu \bar{\nu}) &< 2.7 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(B \to \pi \nu \bar{\nu}) &< 0.8 \times 10^{-5} \\ \mathcal{B}(B \to \rho \nu \bar{\nu}) &< 2.8 \times 10^{-5} \end{split}$$

Comparison with other measurements



Worlds most stringent limits obtained for: $B^0 \to K^0_S \nu \overline{\nu}, \ B^0 \to K^{*0} \nu \overline{\nu}, \ B^{+/0} \to \pi^{+/0} \nu \overline{\nu}, \ B^{+/0} \to \rho^{+/0} \nu \overline{\nu}$

Dark sector

 Dark matter suggests the presence of a dark sector, neutral under all Standard Model forces (i.e. non-WIMP)



- recently strong interest in dark sector models
- introduce a vector boson A, and often a dark Higgs h' by a Higgs mechanism
- can explain the inconsistencies observed in astrophysical data and dark matter experiments
 - ▶ positron excess but no \bar{p} excess (PAMELA figure left)
 - direct detection of dark matter (DAMA/LIBRA figure right)



PAMELA, Nature 458, 607-609 (2009) DAMA/LIBRA, Eur. Phys. J. C (2008) 56: 333-355 M. Pospelov et al., arXiv:0711.4866 N. Arkami-Hamed et al., arXiv:0810.0713 E.J. Chun et al., arXiv:0812.0308 C. Cheung et al., arXiv:0902.3246 A. Katz et al, arXiv:0902.3271 D. Morrissey et al., arXiv:0904.2567



- Massive vector particle A' mixes with the SM γ .
- Can decay to experimentally invisible $A' \to \chi_1 \chi_2$ final state.
- \Rightarrow Require ISR γ :

$$E_{\gamma ISR} = \frac{s - m_{A'}^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$



ALPs





- ALP-strahlung experimentally easier than γ -fusion.
- Three photons within tracking acceptance:
 - \Rightarrow Add up to beam energy.
 - Zero tracks.
 - -~ Bump in di- γ mass.

ALPs





10⁻¹ Belle II expected sensitivity



 135fb^{-1} assumes no $\gamma\gamma\gamma$ trigger yeto in the barrel

Neutral Reconstruction: Key Belle II Strength



Neutral Reconstruction: Key Belle II Strength



 \Rightarrow Ready for dark matter searches with NEW single & triple photon triggers

First Belle II publication

Axionartige Teilchen





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Search for Axionlike Particles Produced in e+e- Collisions at Belle II

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ALP searches in rare \overline{B} decays

• When axion-like particles couple to SU(2) gauge bosons, they can be produced in rare *B* decays



Slides 30-33 from Brian Shuve's talk at the Long-lived particles at Belle II workshop.

LLP signal shape



Analysis strategy

- Reconstruct $B^\pm \to K^\pm a, \ a \to \gamma\gamma$ candidates, look for narrow peak in diphoton invariant mass spectrum
- Train a BDT using signal & background MC events, include shape variables, kinematic information, track/cluster multiplicities, PID,...



Limits on ALP coupling

- The coupling g_{aW} predicts both ALP BF and lifetime
- Use limit on BF as function of lifetime to set limit on g_{aW}



 Improve limit on coupling by over 2 orders of magnitude for many masses!

Belle II analysis starting at KIT now (WS19/20 TP2 student)

Additional channels: challenging combinatorics

Search for the dark Photon and dark Higgs boson in 6-body FS at Belle.

 $e^+e^- \to Ah' \to AAA$ with $A \to l^+l^-(l=e,\mu)$ or hadrons



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New physics in right handed currents

Despite the tremendous success of the SM, there are still open questions that are unanswered and motivate further model-building. E.g.,

- 1) Quark and Lepton flavour & mass hierarchy,
- 2) Matter dominance.

A common model-building steps towards solving such grand questions is to extend the gauge structure of the SM.

One of the simplest extensions involves an additional **right handed** SU(2).

- \Rightarrow New heavy gauge bosons W, Z and new heavy charged and neutral Higgs particles.
- $\Rightarrow Quark flavour mixing matrices V_L = V_{CKM} and V_R describing left$ and right-handed charged current interactions; introduces 5additional CP phases.

Recall the mass hierarchy of the elementary particles



Particles in a given family distinguished only by the mass!

and the SM gauge:

Quarks $\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{d'} \end{pmatrix}_{\mathbf{r}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{s'} \end{pmatrix}_{\mathbf{r}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{b'} \end{pmatrix}_{\mathbf{r}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{R}} & \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{R}} & \mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{R}} \\ \mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{R}} & \mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{R}} & \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{R}} \end{pmatrix}$ +2/3-1/3+ Leptons **Fundamental Forces** Gauge : $\underbrace{SU(3)}_{QCD} \otimes \underbrace{SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y}_{U(1)_{OED}}$ Theory Neutral Higgs Strong Interactions Electroweak Interactions (Gluons) (W[±], Z⁰, γ)

→ Charged Current Interactions only between left-handed Quarks

Operator product expansion in the SM



Operators: SM and NP

b→s∟(SM)

b→s_L(NP)

QCD Penguin operators

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{3,5} &= (\bar{s}b)_{V-A} \, (\bar{q}q)_{V\mp A} &\to \tilde{Q}_{3,5} &= (\bar{s}b)_{V+A} \, (\bar{q}q)_{V\pm A} \\ Q_{4,6} &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V-A} \, (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V\mp A} \to \tilde{Q}_{4,6} &= (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V+A} \, (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V\pm A} \end{aligned}$$

• Chromo/Electromagnetic Dipole Operators

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{7\gamma} &= \frac{e}{8\pi^2} m_b \bar{s}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1+\gamma_5) b_i F_{\mu\nu} &\to \tilde{Q}_{7\gamma} = \frac{e}{8\pi^2} m_b \bar{s}_i \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1-\gamma_5) b_i F_{\mu\nu} \\ Q_{8g} &= \frac{g_s}{8\pi^2} m_b \bar{s} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1+\gamma_5) t^a b G^a_{\mu\nu} \to \tilde{Q}_{8g} = \frac{g_s}{8\pi^2} m_b \bar{s} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (1-\gamma_5) t^a b G^a_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

• Electroweak Penguin Operators

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{7,9} &= \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}b)_{V-A} \, e_q \, (\bar{q}q)_{V\pm A} & \to \tilde{Q}_{7,9} = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}b)_{V+A} \, e_q \, (\bar{q}q)_{V\mp A} \\ Q_{8,10} &= \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V-A} \, e_q \, (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V\pm A} & \to \tilde{Q}_{8,10} = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}_i b_j)_{V+A} \, e_q \, (\bar{q}_j q_i)_{V\mp A} \end{aligned}$$

Right-handed current is a signature of new physics

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New physics searches

Where can we search for RH currents?

Flavor changing neutral current transitions (FCNC): change the flavor of a fermion current without altering it's electric charge



FCNC in SM only possible via loops.

New physics contribution can be comparable and even dominating to (small) SM amplitudes.

New physics appears not only in modifications of branching fractions, but also in asymmetries (e.g., CP) and in angular effects.

 \Rightarrow Sensitive also to spin structure of new physics

How do you measure RH currents?

The most powerful method is with time-dependent CP violation measurements in $B \to K^*(K^0_S \pi^0) \gamma$ decays.



Time-dependent CP asymmetry in $B \to K^*(K_S^0 \pi^0) \gamma$

 $\mathcal{A}(\Delta t) = S\sin(\Delta m \Delta t) + A\cos(\Delta m \Delta t)$

Possible due to interference with mixing between dominant decay helicities

 $b \to s \gamma_L$ or $\overline{b} \to \overline{s} \gamma_R$

and suppressed decay helicities:

$$b \to s \gamma_R$$
 or $b \to \overline{s} \gamma_I$

In SM one naively expects:

$$S_{K^0_S \pi^0 \gamma} = -2 rac{m_s}{m_b} \sin 2 \phi_1 {\sim} -0.03$$

Sensitive to helicity-changing NP contributions. Example: Left-Right symmetric model

 $ightarrow S_{K^0_S \pi^0 \gamma} \sim 0.67 \cos 2 \phi_1 \sim 0.5$

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Measurements statistically limited







RH currents also modify CKM angle $\phi_3(\gamma)$

Additional CP phases from right-handed charged current interactions

 \overline{D}^0

 K^{-}

 \overline{u}



$$A(B^+ \to \bar{D}^0 K^+) = A_B ,$$

$$A(B^+ \to D^0 K^+) = A_B r_+ e^{i(\phi_{DK} + \delta_{DK})}$$

$$A(B^- \to D^0 K^-) = A_B ,$$

$$A(B^- \to \bar{D}^0 K^-) = A_B r_- e^{i(-\phi_{DK} + \delta_{DK})}$$

SM null test: r_+=r_ in SM

$$A_{CP}(B^+ \to D^0 K^+) = \frac{\Gamma(B^+ \to D^0 K^+) - \Gamma(B^- \to \bar{D}^0 K^-)}{\Gamma(B^+ \to D^0 K^+) + \Gamma(B^- \to \bar{D}^0 K^-)} = \frac{r_+^2 - r_-^2}{r_+^2 + r_-^2} ,$$

 B^{-}

 \overline{u}

RH currents also modify CKM angle $\phi_3(\gamma)$

$$\begin{aligned} A(B^+ \to D^0 K^+) &= |A_L| e^{i(\phi_3^L + \delta_L)} + |A_R| e^{i(\phi_3^R + \delta_R)} \\ A(B^- \to \bar{D}^0 K^-) &= |A_L| e^{i(-\phi_3^L + \delta_L)} + |A_R| e^{i(-\phi_3^R + \delta_R)} \\ \phi_3^{L(R)} &= \arg(V_{ub}^{L(R)*}) \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{DK} = e^{2i\phi_3^L} \frac{A(B^- \to D^0 K^-)}{A(B^+ \to D^0 K^+)}$$

= $\frac{1 + |A_R/A_L|e^{i(-\phi_3^R + \phi_3^L + \delta)}}{1 + |A_R/A_L|e^{i(\phi_3^R - \phi_3^L + \delta)}}$

$$A_{CP}(B^+ \to D^0 K^+) = \frac{1 - |R_{DK}|^2}{1 + |R_{DK}|^2}$$

$$\phi_{DK} = \phi_3^L - \arg(R_{DK})/2 \,.$$

Summary

- Belle II expects to improve precision to $\alpha \approx 0.3^{\circ}, \, \beta \approx 1.0^{\circ}, \, \gamma \approx 1.5^{\circ}.$
- Improvement in precision should help to resolve the tension in $\mathcal{R}(D^{(*)}), \mathcal{R}(K)$, inclusive and exclusive measurements of $|V_{ub}|$ and $|V_{cb}|$, and more.

Future sensitivities assuming data consistent with the SM (arXiv:1309.2293)



Belle $5ab^{-1}$, LHCb $7fb^{-1}$ (2020)

Belle $50ab^{-1}$, LHCb $50fb^{-1}$ (2030)

0.35

0.3

ρ

0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0

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New physics is out there. Let's hope this isn't future of the UT!

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